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TAGS: OTRA, PFOR, IZ, US

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF IRAQI OFFICIALS TO MEET WITH KURDS

REF: A) BAGHDAD 25 B) 76 BAGHDAD 1938

1. HEAD OF IRAQI INTERESTS SECTION WAS ALSO IN TOUCH WITH US ABOUT VISIT OF IRAQI DELEGATION. HE INDISCREETLY VOLUNTEERED THAT IRAQI DELEGATION MIGHT ALSO BE SEEKING EVIDENCE THAT U.S. AGENCIES WERE TRYING TO RECRUIT KURDS FOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTED AGAINST IRAQ. HE ASKED WHETHER WE COULD HELP DELEGATION GET IN TOUCH WITH KURDS IN U.S. WE INDICATED, AND WILL CONTINUE TO STRESS, THAT THIS WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE OF PRIVACY ACT PROVISIONS.

2. FYI: PRIVACY ACT PROVISIONS ASIDE, WE ARE UNDER AN OBLIGATION TO PROTECT KURDISH REFUGEES HERE FROM WHAT COULD BE REGARDED AS INTIMIDATION OR HARASSMENT. OUR INTENTION IS TO OFFER NO COOPERATION TO THE DELEGATION IN ASCERTAIN-  
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ING WHEREABOUTS OF KURDS. WE INTEND TO COUNSEL VOLUNTEER AGENCIES WHICH HAVE WORKED IN RESETTLEMENT OF KURDS NOT TO VOLUNTEER INFORMATION IF ASKED.

3. WE ALSO INTEND TO GET WORD TO IRAQI DELEGATION - THROUGH IRAQI INTERESTS SECTION HERE - THAT IRAQI DELEGA-

TION'S ACTIVITIES HERE COULD EASILY GENERATE UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY AND THAT MEMBERS SHOULD BEHAVE CIRCUMSPECTLY. KURDS HERE IN THE U.S. WOULD OF COURSE BE OFFERED FULL PROTECTION OF OUR LAWS. WE WOULD NOT OBJECT, OF COURSE, IF IRAQI DELEGATION PLACED ADS IN NEWSPAPERS CALLING ATTENTION TO IRAQI AMNESTIES OR POLICIES TOWARDS KURDS. END FYI.

4. YOU MAY INFORM IRAQI AUTHORITIES THAT DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE A THREE-MAN PROTECTION SERVICES DETAIL TO THE DELEGATION. THIS DETAIL CAN CALL ON LOCAL POLICE IN CITIES VISITED FOR NECESSARY ADDED COOPERATION. THE IRAQI INTERESTS SECTION HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR ARRANGING THE DELEGATION'S ITINERARY, BUT HAS NOT YET INFORMED US OF AN ARRIVAL TIME IN THE UNITED STATES OR THE DELEGATION'S FINAL SCHEDULE.

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